

REMARKS

This case has not yet been examined. The Applicant takes this opportunity to cancel all claims 1-12 as filed, submitting in their place new independent claims 13 and 14, and new dependent claims 15-17. All newly submitted claims relate primarily to the microneedle structures described with reference to Figures 4 and 9.

Specifically, independent claims 13 and 14, and dependent claims 15-17, relate to the offset position of the fluid flow channel relative to the penetrating tip of the microneedles, defining this feature in various geometrical terms. Although the recited terminology does not appear explicitly in the text as filed, the geometrical features recited are clearly evident from Figures 4 and 9, and from the accompanying description.

The Applicant believes that the application is now ready for examination and looks forward to receiving the Examiner's findings.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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